

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ***
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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1. Indicate your present occupation.

Attorney. Specifically a Partner at Thomason, Hendrix, Harvey, Johnson and Mitchell, PLLC, 40 S. Main, Suite 2900, Memphis, TN 38103.

2. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.

1988

3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the State of Tennessee.

48 years

4. List the county or counties you have resided in over the past year.

Shelby County

5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the National Guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender, or employee of a district public defender?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted, or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance (other than traffic related offenses such as speeding, seatbelt violations, or parking tickets)? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

No

8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

No

9. Please state reasons why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. (300 words or less)

See attached sheet.

10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.

- ☐ Lieutenant Governor
- ☐ Speaker of the House
- ☒ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. By checking each of the boxes below, I certify that this information is correct:

- ☐ I am not employed as a registered lobbyist.
- ☐ I am not an employer of a registered lobbyist.
- ☒ I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 31 day of May, 2011.



Signature of Applicant

Upon Completion, please forward this application to:

Administrative Office of the Courts
Judicial Nominating Commission
511 Union Street, Suite 600
Nashville, TN 37219

I believe I would be an effective member of the Judicial Nominating Commission because of my experience as a trial lawyer and dedication to the community.

I have been a trial lawyer in Memphis for the past 23 years. During my entire legal career I have actively practiced in the courts of Shelby County, have tried a few cases in the surrounding counties, and have argued numerous times in the Tennessee Court of Appeals. Outside of criminal practice, given that fewer cases are ever tried, there is a shrinking pool of Tennessee lawyers who have extensive civil trial experience. I believe that lawyers who do have that experience have valuable insight on what qualities make an effective Judge, including ability, character and demeanor. Further, because fewer civil cases go to trial, trial judges need to be well versed in application of the rules of civil procedure and evidence before they are appointed. After all, appointing qualified Judges to the bench is the key to the fair resolution of disputes among litigants. I can translate my expertise in the area of civil procedure and evidence into an ability to evaluate a potential Judge's ability to make legally sound decisions. I have no political agenda that would influence my evaluation of proposed nominees and believe my fellow lawyers would state that I am honest and fair.

During my career I have been active in contributing to the legal community and the community at large. I served as President of the Young Lawyers Division of the Memphis Bar Association and have served on the Board of Directors of the MBA. I also served on the Commission for the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. I am a recipient of the Sam A. Myar, Jr. Award for outstanding service to the legal profession and the community.